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PROPOSED BY U.S.Suggests to France Formation  
of Reparations Commission.

## PROPOSAL O. K'D BY BERLIN

Body of International Bankers Would  
Mediate Claims if Plan Goes  
Through—France Raises  
Guarantee Question.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The United States government has suggested informally to Premier Poincaré of France, the establishment of an international commission to mediate on the question of reparations commission to determine to the satisfaction of all nations concerned the amount of reparations Germany will be able to pay.

## Commission of Financiers.

This commission will be composed of the greatest financiers in the world, it was learned authoritatively, but the method of the makeup of the commission with countries from which its members would be drawn, and other details are not settled. The German government also has been sounded out on this proposition, and the understanding is that Ambassador Wiedfeldt has communicated to the United States the willingness of Germany to abide by the decision of such a commission, provided that the United States is satisfied the commission will be formed in such a way as to assure just and fair treatment for Germany.

## France Still Skeptical.

This tentative acceptance by Germany is made in the face of the fact that the United States is strongly committed to the principle that Germany must pay up to the extent of her ability. France has as yet given no assurance whatever that the mediation of such a commission would be satisfactory to her, but has countered with formal queries to this effect: Supposing such a commission should fix Germany's liability, what assurance would we have, anyone that we have now, that Germany would pay the amount determined by the commission as being just and fair?

## DENVER MINT IS HELD UP

Two Bandits Fire on Four Armed  
Guards and Escape With \$200,000  
Currency.

Denver, Dec. 19.—After firing at four armed guards at the entrance to the Denver branch of the United States mint and fatally wounding one of them, two bandits escaped in a motor car with a strong box containing \$200,000 in \$5 bills. So sudden was the attack that the guards hardly had time to return fire on the bandits when they had disappeared. Charles Linton, the guard who was shot, died in a hospital a few hours after the robbery.

## 3 SENATORS FACE CONTESTS

Lodge of Massachusetts, King of Utah  
and Mayfield of Texas  
Are Targets.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Contests in the next senate for the seats of Senators Lodge of Massachusetts and King of Utah probably will be started by the foes of each, it was learned here, with some chance that the contest against Senator King will be successful. Also the senate leaders are sure that there is little chance for the seating of Senator-elect Mayfield of Texas, who has acknowledged a violation of the state law of Texas in his primary campaign.

## O. K. 239 MILLIONS FOR NAVY

House Passes the Appropriation Bill  
and Requests New Armament Conference.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Retaining intact the provision requesting the President to call another international conference for limitation of warships and aircraft not covered in the five-power naval treaty, the house passed the naval appropriation bill without a record vote. It now goes to the senate. The bill provides \$325,000,000 for naval activities during the fiscal year beginning July 1.

## ESCAPES DEATH; TO HANG

Survivor of Suicide Pact Sentenced to  
Die by English Chief  
Justice.

London, Dec. 19.—Any person surviving a suicide pact is guilty of murder, according to a decision handed down by the lord chief justice in sentencing Lilian Symonds to death for the murder of Gladys Wall. Symonds and Gladys agreed to commit suicide by throwing themselves in front of a train. She was instantly killed and he lost both legs.

TROOPS GUARD  
SOUTHERN CITYAFTER BODIES OF MISSING MEN  
ARE TAKEN FROM  
LOUISIANA LAKEGovernor May Use Soldiers To Protect  
Civil Regime Against Hooded Mob  
In Scene of Riots—Names of Masked  
Men Said to Be Known.

Shreveport, La.—Company A, National Guard, of Alexandria, was en route to Morehouse Parish, while at New Orleans a machine gun company was preparing to leave for this city to re-enforce a company of national guardmen of Monroe. The troop movement followed the recovery in Lake La Fourche, near here, of bodies of two men. Relatives and friends partly identified the bodies as being those of Watt Daniels and Thomas Richards, missing since they were kidnapped by hooded men four months ago. It was reported here. The order for the mobilization of the additional troops came soon after the establishment of the authenticity of the report that Lake La Fourche had given up the bodies after having been dynamited by men of unestablished identity.

Governor John M. Parker, at Baton Rouge, directing operations of the military forces, refused to divulge the significance of the call for re-enforcements or the next move of the state in the program he has outlined to ferret out and punish the members of the hooded mob responsible for the abduction of five Mer Rouge citizens last August and the alleged murder of two of them.

Large stocks of guns and ammunition have been reported to be stored in residences and stores by citizens of Mer Rouge and the surrounding community, resulting from the reported establishing of hostile camps during the four months since the kidnapping.

Resistance is expected when the state's warrants calling for arrest of a number of men believed to have been the ringleaders of the hooded men are served. The presence of an additional body of state troops, it was believed, will serve as a precaution against a probable outbreak. Special investigators of the Department of Justice, working under the direction of the Governor, are said to have an incomplete list of members of the hooded mob.

## \$100,000 FOR STOLEN KISS

Is Asked By West Virginia Beauty  
Who Enters Suit In Wash-  
ington Court

Washington.—Mrs. Alma G. Smythe, well known in New York, Chicago and Washington as a member of a prominent West Virginia family, caused a sensation when she appeared in the District of Columbia Supreme Court as her own attorney, accompanied only by her fox terrier. It was the first time in the history of that august tribunal that a dog had faced the presiding judge.

Mrs. Smythe, who is known as a beauty, has brought suit for \$100,000 against Leighton Taylor, former secretary to the late Senator Boies Penrose, of Pennsylvania, alleging a stolen kiss. She charges that the defendant forcibly kissed her when she called at the late Senator's office in May, 1931.

## Federal Action Soon

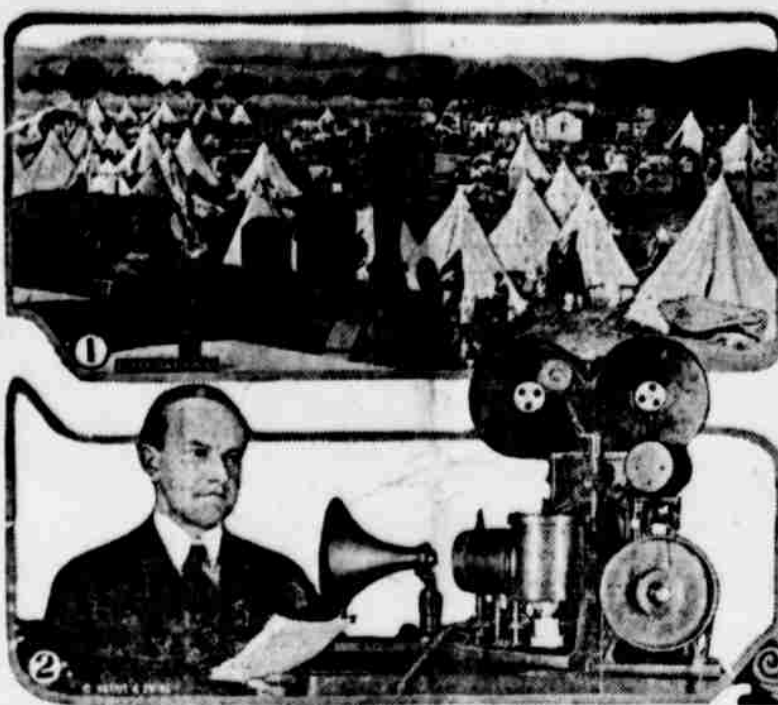
Washington.—Investigation of war contracts by the Department of Justice is to reach a spectacular climax within 30 days, when a series of suits, civil and criminal, aggregating approximately \$100,000,000, will be filed against individuals and corporations accused of gross irregularities. The scope of the Department of Justice program was revealed at a hearing before the House Judiciary Committee, investigating impeachment charges brought against Attorney-General Harry M. Daugherty.

## "Guilty!" Says Jury

Chicago.—William A. Bither, former attorney of the Chicago Board of Education and prominent follower of Governor Len Small and Mayor William Hale ("Big Bill") Thompson, was convicted of conspiracy to defraud the board. His punishment was placed at from one to five years in prison and a fine of \$2,000. Henry W. Kaup, a real estate dealer and co-defendant, drew nine months in the County Jail and a fine of \$1,000. They were charged with having conspired to defraud the board.

## Finale Is Played

Pittsburg, Penn.—A dinner party at the home of C. K. Kohn, in honor of Edward Peterson, had a tragic finale. While the last course was being served Peterson excused himself. "I want to put a piece on the player-piano," he explained. A moment later the notes of "Let the Rest of the World Go By." Then the report of revolver. Peterson with a bullet through his brain was leaning against the piano—dead. "We have not learned the cause," said the Coroner.



1—View of tented city at Dedeagatch, western Thrace, where tens of thousands of Greek refugees are in distress. 2—New voice recording device by which a message by Vice President Coolidge was photographed for broadcasting on Christmas eve. 3—Victor Murdock of Kansas, new chairman of the federal trade commission.

PUBLIC HEALTH WORKERS IN  
KENTUCKY TO HAVE HELP  
OF SANITARY INSPECTORS

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 26.—Public health workers in Kentucky soon will be augmented by the addition of five sanitary inspectors who will be graduated from the School of Public Health, operated jointly by the State Board of Health and the University of Louisville, in January. These men all will be sent to counties out in the State, and the Board of Health now is prosecuting inquiries to learn where they are most needed and where they can be used most effectively.

Each of these men, in addition to having pursued technical and theoretical studies in the School of Public Health, last summer, was given practical work under the supervision of the health officer in one of the full-time health departments. In connection with its present investigation of the places where these men are the most badly needed, the State Board of Health also is conducting an investigation to see what is the general need for sanitary inspectors, in order that, if it is found desirable, the facilities offered this class of public health workers in the School of Public Health may be expanded.

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FRATRICIDE'S TRIAL FRIDAY  
MORNING

Lawrence Hoskins will have his examining trial for the killing of his brother, Embury Hoskins, Friday morning next. This date has been set by County Judge John D. Goodloe for hearing of the fratricide. Hoskins has been in jail here since the tragedy. He claims self-defense, and it is understood that a number of eye witnesses to the affair say that he killed his brother after the latter had fired twice at him.—Richmond Register.

BOY SHOTS SISTER WHILE  
CLEANING GUN

Elizabethtown, Ky., Dec. 24.—Eileen Slater, 17-year-old daughter of Thomas Slater of this city, was shot thru the left eye last night by her brother, Sylvester Slater, 13, who was cleaning his rifle, and accidentally discharged the gun. The girl was taken to the City Hospital in Louisville this morning. According to surgeons at the hospital, she will lose the sight of the eye. According to the father of the girl, the shooting was entirely accidental.

FARMER SLAIN IN BULLITT  
COUNTY

Shepherdsville, Ky., Dec. 24.—Thos. Goldsmith, 55 years old, a farmer living ten miles west of here, was shot and killed almost instantly this afternoon on his farm. James Marcum, 50, a neighbor, is accused of the crime.

There were no witnesses to the killing, so far as has been learned. According to the county authorities Goldsmith was feeding hogs and was standing near the pen. Marcum is alleged to have walked down the road and shot deliberately at Goldsmith.

Marcum was brought to Shepherdsville by Sheriff Lawrence Roby and charged with murder. He refused to discuss the killing. It is said and old grudge caused the trouble between the two men and they had not been speaking to one another for years.

CORONER'S JURY RETURNS  
VERDICT OF SELF-DEFENSE  
IN LEWIS SLAYING

Princeton, Ky., Dec. 25.—A verdict of self-defense was returned by a Coroner's jury investigating the slaying of a stranger by William Lewis, at the Lewis home.

It was shown that the stranger obtained a meal at the home of Mrs. William Lewis, after which he drew a chair up in front of the grate. He was told to leave, and after a time he walked to the barn, where he sat down on a pile of lumber.

William Lewis followed him, and told him to leave at once. The stranger reached for his hip pocket. Lewis ordered him to raise his hand. He was shot when he failed to do it. No weapon was found on him.

FORD CATCHES FIRE WHILE  
GAS TANK IS BEING  
FILLED

Tuesday morning about 1:30 a Ford car stopped in front of the Boone Tavern Garage to ask for gasoline. Mr. French, who was on duty at the garage, went out to take care of the customers, and just as he inserted the gas tube in the tank, the car caught on fire and the whole top, including the cushions and part of the fixtures, were destroyed.

It is reported that the car was owned by John Soard, of Rockcastle county, and was occupied by himself and son, Dan Gabbard, Link Laké, and Jim Bowling, all of Rockcastle county.

The Ford was left in front of the Boone Tavern Garage.

WOMAN SHOT BY ACCIDENTAL  
FIRE

Owensboro, Ky., Dec. 26.—Mrs. Margaret Harl, 48, died as a result of a gunshot wound at the city hospital at 10:30 o'clock tonight.

Her husband, Charles Harl, farmer of this county, thought he heard chicken thieves in the hen house about 7 o'clock. He got his shot gun and started to investigate. He laid his gun on a chair as his wife entered a door. Mr. Harl said the gun fell from the chair and was discharged, the load of shot striking his wife in the right thigh, inflicting a large wound.

Mrs. Harl is survived by her husband and five children.

The custom of singing the old year out doubtless makes the Old Boy glad to hustle off in a hurry.

## WEDDINGS

## ALLEN—CARTER

Burdette Allen and Myrtle Carter, daughter of John D. Carter of Cartersville, were married in Jellico, Tenn., last Saturday. They returned to Berea, and after a short visit with the groom's sister, Mrs. C. H. Todd, returned to Cartersville, where they will make their home.

The young couple have the good wishes of their many friends in West End.

Rev. Carl E. Vogel and Mrs. Vogel are going to Poor Fork, Ky., next week to hold a revival meeting.

## MUNCY—BROWNING

An event of more than passing interest this week was the marriage on Tuesday, December 26, of H. Muncy, of Stephens & Muncy Lumber Co., to Mrs. Eliza Browning, formerly of Perry county.

Mr. Muncy has lived in Berea about 20 years and is widely known. The bride is a sister of Mrs. John Fowler of West End Berea.

## TAYLOR—FORTUNE

Miss Lula Fortune and Elden Taylor surprised their many friends on Thursday, December 21, by motoring to Richmond and getting married. The Rev. Green Stocker officiated. Miss Fortune is a successful school teacher of Berea, and Mr. Taylor a prosperous young farmer of Newby, Ky. After a brief honeymoon they will be at home to their friends at Newby. Their many friends join in wishing them a happy and prosperous future.

## LAWSON—BAKER

In the presence of a number of friends on Christmas morning, James G. Baker of Brassfield and Miss Agnes Lawson of Berea were united in the holy bonds of matrimony at the home of Dr. E. C. McDougle, who officiated. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Curt Baker, and the lovely bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lawson of Berea. After spending a few days with their parents they will go to Ohio to reside. Their many friends wish the happy couple a long and prosperous married life.

## OLD GRUDGE LEADS TO

## KILLING IN KNOTT

Whitesburg, Ky., Dec. 24.—A report from Beaver Creek, north of here on the Knott county border, stated that Arland Bates, formerly of this county, shot and killed Thomas Johnson, a farmer of that section, as a result of an old grudge. It is said the men met on the roadside and fought it out. Johnson is said to have fired the first shot.

Bates was arrested and lodged in jail. He will be given an examining trial Wednesday. Both were well known in that section.

JOHN LAWSON GETS 21 YEARS  
FOR KILLING HIS  
BROTHER

Manchester, Ky., Dec. 24.—John Lawson has been sentenced to twenty-one years in the State Penitentiary for killing his brother, Toby Lawson. Toby Lawson died of a fractured skull, caused, it was alleged, by a blow from a club wielded by John Lawson. John Lawson pleaded self defense. The Commonwealth sought to prove intimacy between John Lawson and Toby Lawson's wife. The jury was out half an hour.

## World News

By J. R. Robertson, Professor of  
History and Political Science  
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A good deal of interest is being shown in the prospective visit to the U. S. of Emile Coue. This Frenchman is noted for his skill in helping people to health by means of suggestion. He lives at Nancy, a place in the recent war zone and with his wife he remained there during the whole war. He is a pharmacist and accumulated a small competence in that occupation. In the practice of his psychological healing he charges no fees at all. His patients are largely peasants, but he receives many of high social standing. It is estimated that he receives forty thousand seekers for health each year. It is interesting to note, on the eve of the visit to America, that he got his start here by taking a correspondence course in hypnotism which he intended to use as an aid to his work as a salesman. His manner of life is very simple and he seems to be possessed of a real desire to help people.

The Civic Federation of New York city has just appointed a committee of one hundred, of which Elihu Root is the chairman, to consider the question of America's attitude toward international affairs. As the object of this investigation it is stated that an effort will be made to see how far and in what manner the U. S. should participate in international affairs. This is one more evidence of a changing public opinion. It may have its political features, also, as there is an insurgent element in our Congress now that is getting under way for something. However that may be, there is some hope of a change that will be more creditable to the U. S. and the part she is capable of playing in world affairs for the good of mankind.

The political conditions in Poland have come to be somewhat turbulent as a result of the change in the presidency. The new head of Poland recently elected, Narutowicz, was assassinated soon after his election. It was claimed by the native Poles that his success was due to the support of Jews, Russians, Ukrainians and Germans. The legislative body has a majority of Poles, and they made considerable of a demonstration of disapproval. It is not believed the assassination was brought about by this body, but they caused an opinion so hostile to the president that it was taken up by that element which always is ready to strike at government in any form. The actual assassin was an ill-balanced and mentally deficient man of no standing whatever.

In a recent letter, the traveler, Frank Carpenter, gives a considerably different view of the industrial and financial conditions in parts of Europe from those mostly prevalent. In France the peasant class are adding to their farms and are laying up money in the banks as never before. The depositors have doubled in numbers since the war, according to this writer. Altho the debt of France is large, about three-fourths of it is held by the people of that country and is not an immediate burden to the government. Of Germany, he says, that her money is of little value, but that she has the real wealth in form of factories, railroads and other means of production. He believes that there is a good deal of camouflage. This does not fit in with the drift of opinion today, but Carpenter has always been regarded a keen observer in his travels.

A conference has been going on in Moscow recently on the question of disarmament. The neighboring states adjoining Russia were invited to be present. The Russian proposition was to cut down all armies seventy-five percent, and it was accepted as a principle by those nations present. Russia, back in the last century, led in the movement for disarmament and could now return to such a policy with advantage all around. Probably nothing that she could do would serve to give her a better standing among the old powers than just such a reduction in fact as well as principle. It would be to Russia herself a great benefit from an economic standpoint as the army is a burden (Continued on page eight)